## REMARKS

Claims 13-24 and 30-40 are pending. Claims 13, 18, 30, and 34 have been amended. Claims 17, 31, and 33 have been canceled. The rejections of the claims are respectfully traversed in light of the following remarks, and reconsideration is requested.

## Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 17-18 and 33-34 have been objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claim 13 has been amended to incorporate the limitations of objected to Claim 17. Thus, Claim 13 should now be deemed allowable.

Claims 14-16 and 18-24 are dependent upon Claim 13, and contain additional limitations that further distinguish them from the cited references. Therefore, Claims 14-16 and 18-24 are allowable over the cited references for at least the same reasons provided above with respect to Claim 13.

Claim 30 has been amended to incorporate the limitations of objected to Claim 33 but not intervening Claim 32. Applicants submit the limitations of Claim 32 is not necessary to overcome the cited references and Claim 30 should now be deemed allowable.

Claims 32 and 34-40 are dependent upon Claim 30, and contain additional limitations that further distinguish them from the cited references. Therefore, Claims 32 and 34-40 are allowable over the cited references for at least the same reasons provided above with respect to Claim 30.

## **CONCLUSION**

For the above reasons, Applicants believe pending Claims 13-16, 18-24, 30, 32, and 34-40 are now in condition for allowance and allowance of the Application is hereby solicited. If the Examiner should have any questions, please telephone Applicants' Attorney at (202) 333-4504.

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